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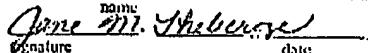
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Applicant: PAUL A. ZULPA ET AL.)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on March 23, 2004, the Applicants submit the following election for further prosecution on the merits:

Election:

The Applicants hereby elects Group I, claims 1-10, with traverse, drawn to a method of database management, classified in Class 705, subclass 29.

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